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SUBJECT: (U) QUEEN OPENS PARLIAMENT WITH A THIN LABOUR

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA, BUT POLITICAL AND MEDIA FOCUS REMAINS ON MP RAID UPROAR Classified By: PolMinCouns Greg Berry, reasons 1.4 (b/d).

[1](#)1. (C/NF) Summary. The Queen laid out Gordon Brown's legislative plans for the coming year in the annual Queen's Speech at the December 3 Stat  
A Slimmed Down Legislative Program...

[1](#)2. (SBU) Prime Minister Gordon Brown had already revealed much of the content of the Queen's Speech in an unprecedented release of a draft of  
...With a Focus On the Economy

[1](#)3. (SBU) The Queen told Parliament that "fighting the economic downturn" was the government's "overriding priority" for the year ahead. A Bar  
And Other "Populist" Measures

[1](#)4. (SBU) Many of the measures on the government's legislative agenda have a populist tone and reflected what several political observers sugge  
The Spotlight Turns to the Speaker

[1](#)5. (C/NF) On a day normally preoccupied with high ceremony followed by intense debate over HMG's legislative agenda, the media and political s  
What About Green?

[1](#)6. (SBU) Parliamentary outrage over the raid on Green's office has taken attention off the reason the raid occurred. Police arrested MP Green  
Comment

[1](#)7. (C/NF) In part because of the Martin affair, and because there were few surprises in the Queen's Speech, there has been little media or pc  
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